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At present, Wisconsin allows the practice of controlling deer movement through the use of high fences and repellents. (requires Legislation).

Some landowners have constructed high fences (above 4') to "funnel" and/or "entrap" deer. Others have used deer repellents to alter deer movement to gain a tactical hunting advantage. Recent illegal game harvesting events in Trempealeau County illustrate how high fences have been used to illegally control wild deer movement. These structures and tactics were used to disrupt natural deer movement to gain unfair advantage over wildlife belonging to the people of Wisconsin.

Landowners with no agricultural, silvicultural, or other qualifying reason to construct a fence over 4' should not be allowed such improvement on their property unless that fence completely encircles the reason used to justify it in the first place. If a landowner does have a legitimate reason for wanting to keep deer out of their property, then the fence needs to completely encircle the practice harmed by deer.

Anyone having an existing fence higher than 4' without a qualifying criteria would have to reduce it to the 4' maximum allowing for the natural movement of wildlife.

The resolution will not constitute a violation, or "taking," of private property rights. Historical precedent and recent case law are clear: "No one has an absolute right to use his land in a way that may harm the public health or welfare, or that damages the quality of life of neighboring landowners, or of the community as a whole."

No one has a right to pump poison in a river that may affect downstream users, and no one has a right to use repelling scents or high fences to control wild deer movement.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in <sup>Jackson</sup> Trempealeau County on April 9, 2018<sup>9</sup> recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the state legislature to make fences over 4 foot tall and using scent to repel deer illegal, unless there is an agricultural, silvicultural or other qualifying reason and only if the fence completely encloses the entire area to be protected. All existing fences over 4 foot must be reduced unless they are proven to be for the intent to keep deer out of the landowners property.

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